

Service Date: July 31, 1978

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application)
of MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. for) DOCKET NO. 6583
Authority to Decrease Natural Gas)
Rates.) ORDER NO. 4420a

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On May 25, 1978, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed its quarterly application for the quarter ended March 31, 1978, for authority to decrease natural gas rates to residential and commercial customers by .274 per Mcf at local sales base pressure, and to decrease natural gas rates to industrial customers by .294 per Mcf at 14.73 p.s.i.a. The application was accepted by the Commission May 30, 1978.
2. On June 19, 1978 the Commission authorized Applicant to file rate schedules reflecting the decrease.
3. On June 21, 1978, Interim Order No. 4420 was issued.
4. On June 26, 1978 a notice of proposed hearing was issued and legal notice published in the following newspapers: Fallon County Times, Baker, MT; Miles City Star, Miles City, MT; Hardin Herald, Hardin, MT; Glasgow Courier, Glasgow, MT; Sidney Herald, Sidney, MT; Ranger-Review, Glendive, MT; Billings Gazette, Billings, MT and Plentywood Herald, Plentywood, MT.
5. The notice stated that requests for hearing were to be in by July 27, 1978.

6. No protests nor requests for hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. This Commission has authority, under RCM 1947, Section 70-113, as amended to grant a temporary increase pending hearing.

ORDER

1. That Applicant's rate schedules filed pursuant to Interim Order No. 4420 is hereby made permanent.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at a meeting of the Montana Public Service Commission held on the 31st, day of July, 1978 by a vote of 5-0.

BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

Gordon E. Bollinger, Chairman

P.J. Gilfeather, Commissioner

Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

James R. Shea, Commissioner

George Turman, Commissioner

ATTEST
Madeline L. Cottrill
Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTICE: You are entitled to judicial review of the final decision in this matter. If no Motion For Reconsideration is filed, judicial review may be

btained by filing a petition for review within thirty (30) days from the service Of this order. If a Motion For Reconsideration is filed, a Commission order is final for purpose of appeal upon the entry of a ruling on that motion, or upon the passage of ten (10) days following the filing of that motion. Cf. the Montana Administrative Procedure Act, esp. Sec. 82-4216, RCM 1947; and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp. 38-2.2(64)-P2750, ARM.